

(c) the price charged under (a) and (b) and the reason for the difference, if any?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) and (b). Two statements furnishing the information are placed on the Council table.

(c) Vide the above-mentioned statements. In all Farms seeds, grains, etc., used for the Farm operations are charged at consumption rates and not at market rates. Hence the prices charged under (a) and (b) differ.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the answer we find a term as 'consumption rates.' I do not understand the meaning of that term.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They are rates at which seeds are consumed in the farm as well as in other farms. This rate is distinct from the market rates. Take the case of a farmer who has his own paddy grown in his farm. He is consuming that paddy for his own purposes. The market rate of the same may be 14 as. a para. But the actual cost to the farmer may not come to that. The actual cost of the seeds to the farmer is called the 'consumption rate'. This consumption rate is the actual cost price of the farmer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it cost price?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, more or less.

Anjur road and bridge at Chiramakazha.

87. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) whether a petition dated 30th Edavam 1102, addressed to the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats requesting to improve the condition of the Anjur road under the Artatt Village Panchayat and construct a bridge at Chiramakazha has not been received;

(b) what will be the approximate cost for doing this;

(c) whether any reply has been sent to the petitioners; and if so, what is it;

(d) what definite action has been taken by the Government in this matter?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 500.

(c) A reply was sent to the Panchayat stating that the matter might be renewed after the budget was passed and asking them to inform the petitioners also of it.

(d) Rs. 400 has been provided in the Panchayat budget of 1103.

Panchayat election rules.

88. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—